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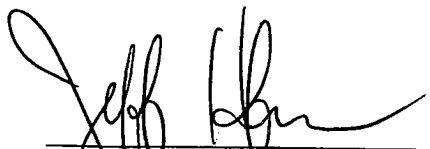
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This is a decision on petition to correct inventorship under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a) by adding one additional inventor, Mr. Carl W. Reily, mailed November 08, 2000, and petition to correct inventorship under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) by deleting two (2) inventors, Mr. Eugene E. Osborne and Mr. Jack Wilker, Jr., mailed November 08, 2000.

As to the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a), the applicants provided 1) a petition including a statement from Mr. Reily that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part; 2) a declaration by the actual inventors; 3) the required fee and 4) the written consent of the assignee. Therefore, the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a) is GRANTED.

As to the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), the applicants submitted 1) a petition including a statement identifying each named inventor who is being deleted and acknowledging that the inventor's invention is no longer being claimed in the application due to the cancellation of claims 48-67 in response to a restriction requirement and 2) the required fee. Therefore, the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) is GRANTED.

The application is forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for officially recording the corrected inventorship.

  
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